

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (COST).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 12 June 1876;—*for*,

RETURN "of the COST of PUBLIC ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, and Sources from which defrayed in
Great Britain and Ireland for 1874-75."

	Imperial Grant.	Locally raised in Year ended 30 September 1875.					TOTAL EXPENDITURE.	Percentage of Total Expenditure Locally Raised.
	Expenditure on Education in Year ended 30th March 1875 (including Administration and Inspection)	From Voluntary Subscriptions.	From School Fees.	From Endowment.	From Rates.	TOTAL Locally raised.		
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	
ENGLAND AND WALES -	1,356,746	326,115	945,118	97,401	* 503,843	2,460,586	3,817,325	64.68
SCOTLAND - - -	200,080	49,775	186,434	14,872	† 598,502	493,183	699,019	68.70
IRELAND - - -	† 463,183	‡ 21,967	50,546	6,172	27,918	116,603	773,798	14.97
UNITED KINGDOM - £.	2,228,470	397,858	1,198,098	118,445	566,663	3,000,365	5,289,036	57.97

* Out of this sum, 117,508*l.* represent annual payments for interest and Sinking Fund, in repayment of 2,484,036*l.* borrowed for Building Schools, up to Michaelmas 1874, in England and Wales.

† Includes 264,836*l.*, the sum paid by the local authorities to the School Boards in Scotland for the year ended at Whitsun-day 1874 (the last furnished Return), and 24,666*l.*, representing annual payments of 4*½* per cent. for interest and Sinking Fund, in repayment of 574,886*l.* borrowed for Building Schools, up to Michaelmas 1874, in Scotland.

Note, as regards Ireland.—The Imperial Grant is set down for the financial year 1874-75, and not, as in the Return for Great Britain, 1874-75, because the Local Expenditure is made out under these heads, which cover nine months of the year 1875-76, and, under one head, that of Rates, for the whole financial year 1875-76, the first year in which Rates were levied in Ireland for National Education.

The Imperial Grant for 1874-75 was 365,346*l.*, including 23,705*l.* Estimated Expenditure by the Board of Public Works on Buildings, &c.

‡ Includes Estimated Expenditure by Board of Public Works on Buildings, &c., 22,277*l.*, and also a sum of 5,690*l.* for the purchase, &c., of Residences for Teachers, but not expended in the year, arrangements not being complete.

§ Includes 3,997*l.* local aid towards expenditure by Board of Public Works; also, 6,248*l.*, the value of Free Residences and Gardens for Teachers. There is no record kept in Irish non-vested National Schools of Local Expenditure in connection with the erection, enlargement, repair, &c., of the Buildings, or in Schools vested in Trustees, of the expenditure on repairs. The amount, 113,774*l.*, is, so far, less than the actual local aid.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (CONT.)

RETURN of the Cost of Public Elementary
Education, and Sources from which defrayed
in Great Britain and Ireland, for 1874-75.

(Mr. William Henry Smith.)

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